

1 24. **ISSUE: HENDERSHOTT WORKED OFF-DUTY FOR THE PHOENIX**
2 **ROADRUNNERS AS SECURITY DIRECTOR, AND IN RETURN, CAUSED THE**
3 **HIRING AT MCSO OF WHITNEY SIGHOLTZ, RELATIVE OF THE**
4 **MANAGER/OWNER OF THE ROADRUNNERS AND/OR THE COLISEUM –**
5 **SUBJECT: HENDERSHOTT**
6 (Munnell Memo p. 46)
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8 **Chief Deputy David Hendershott**
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10 H19A. Allegedly, Chief Deputy David Hendershott, while working for MCSO, was
11 paid \$1500 per month by the Coliseum and/or Phoenix Roadrunners hockey
12 team to coordinate security. Hendershott was hired by Robert Sigholtz at the
13 Coliseum, and Hendershott caused the hiring of Sigholtz's relative, Whitney, to
14 work in the Enforcement Support Division at MCSO, despite having very little
15 if any work experience in the area to which she was assigned. Reportedly,
16 Whitney earned higher pay than other longer tenured and more experienced
17 civilian employees in the division.
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19 **MUNNELL'S WRITTEN ACCOUNT**
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21 **Hendershott hired by the Phoenix Roadrunners as security director uses Office equipment**
22 **during the hockey season.**
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24 The Phoenix Roadrunners hired Hendershott as the security director; during the same time, he was
25 coordinating the security for Pine Ridge, to provide security services for the Veteran's Memorial
26 Coliseum. Robert Sigholtz, (whose wife is Sara O'Meara of Child Help, and is tied to Karl Gosch
27 mentioned earlier) was employed by the Coliseum and apparently hired Hendershott. During the
28 same time, Hendershott hired Sigholtz's granddaughter named Whitney Sigholtz as an employee
29 of the Enforcement Support Division. The inexperienced young employee was paid at a higher
30 rate than the other civilian employees causing serious morale issues within the division.
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32 The Coliseum security job also used posse personnel whose services were paid to their posse
33 organization. The facility did not provide radios for our personnel; therefore, Hendershott made
34 portable radios from the Sheriff's Office available and they were assigned to the facility during the
35 hockey season. Hendershott was paid approximately fifteen hundred (\$1,500) dollars a month for
36 this off-duty job. Although the season began with several Deputies, four Arizona State Liquor
37 Control Officers, and Six Phoenix Police Officers for traffic control, due to budget problems, it
38 wasn't long before the only security personnel assigned to the venue were posse members,
39 supervised by myself, Sands, and Hendershott.
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41 **NARRATIVE SUMMARY**
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43 Hendershott was hired by the Coliseum to coordinate security during Phoenix
44 Roadrunner hockey games. The facility did not provide portable radios, so Hendershott
45 assigned MCSO radios to them. Hendershott was paid \$1500 a month for coordinating
46 security. The Coliseum employee who hired Hendershott was Robert Sigholtz and
47 Hendershott hired Robert's daughter Whitney Sigholtz to work as an employee of the

1 Enforcement Support Division. Hendershott paid the inexperienced employee a higher
2 rate than other civilian employees within her division.
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4 **WITNESS ACCOUNTS**
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6 **Frank Munnell**
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8 According to Munnell, Hendershott earned \$1500 a month coordinating events at the
9 Coliseum. Posse members and off-duty MCSO personnel worked at the events.
10 Munnell understood that Hendershott had coordinated these events, from a security
11 standpoint, for one or two hockey seasons.
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13 According to Munnell, while Hendershott was working at the Coliseum, which was run
14 by Robert Sigholtz, MCSO hired Sigholtz's daughter, Whitney. According to information
15 that Munnell had obtained from Don Schneidmiller, she was unqualified for the position,
16 yet came in making more money than more tenured and experienced staff members,
17 causing problems with morale in the Enforcement Support Division. This occurred circa
18 1997.
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20 **Don Schneidmiller**
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22 Schneidmiller's account of Whitney Sigholtz's employment with MCSO was as follows.
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24 A: Ah, well, I can remember coming to work one day, probably back in 2009
25 [1999], when I worked for Frank Munnell in the Enforcement Support Bureau,
26 and there was a little young 19, 20-year old gal walking around in inappropriate
27 clothing, with Hendershott. They were in a closed door meeting. When the
28 meeting ended, Frank called me in and introduced me to Whitney Sigholtz and
29 told me that she was going to be my new Juvenile Programs Coordinator. Now
30 the surprising thing about that, guys, is that we don't have that position. I didn't
31 know that it was available. I didn't know we had a vacancy there.
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33 Q: Juvenile ...
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35 A: Programs Coordinator. That's what I said. So I began the task of creating
36 the job, the essential job functions and creating a position for her.
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38 Q: She's 19 years old?
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40 A: Between 19 and 23. I couldn't tell you how old. To make a long story
41 short, I find out from Frank when I say, what are we doing here, what is, what are
42 you handing me here? I mean, let's just be straight, if this is one of those cock-a-
43 mamie hires, tell me, so I don't say something stupid and so I can mitigate the
44 negative effects of this hire. And he says, look, you know that Hendershott
45 arranged for us to take over the security contract at Veteran's Memorial

Coliseum. I said, yeah, I'm aware that Phoenix PD used to do it, and now you guys, using mainly Posse men are now doing it. He said, are you aware that Hendershott gets \$700 or \$800 a month consulting fee for it, and that how they've given him an office down there at Veteran's Memorial Coliseum? I said I wasn't aware of that. He says, well, the director of the Coliseum is her grandfather, Bob Sigholtz. He goes, you draw the connection. We get this new contract, Hendershott makes \$700 or \$800 bucks a month consulting fee, we give granddaughter a job. Do you want another one?

Q: This information came from whom?

A: Frank. In his office within a day or two of me inheriting Whitney as an employee.

Q: Alright. Did she have the qualifications for the job?

A: Ah, no. Well, her last job, and to quote her, because I asked her, was driving the beer cart at Grayhawk Golf Course. And I remember we had a hard time getting her a County driver's license because she was recently suspended for DUI. And when she left us, she went on to become the "party princess" at one of the local radio stations.

Q: How long did she work for the Sheriff's Office?

A: I don't recall. A year or two. I'll take it a step further. Shortly after she was on the payroll, we already had two women that worked for us down there. One of those women received all incoming mail. She was handing out paychecks one day, got a chance to see Whitney's salary, and saw that it was a lot more than she was making and she'd been with the County six to eight years, and had quit within two weeks. (pp. 48-50, Exhibit II34a).

Rollie Seebert

Seebert indicated that he was working in Enforcement Support when Whitney Sigholtz started working there, sometime in the 1990's. He remembered that there was dissension among the support staff, because she was being paid handsomely, and was new to the job.

David Hendershott

Hendershott indicated that in the time frame in question, in approximately 1997, he was working off-duty for the Roadrunners hockey organization, and the company that ran and managed the Arizona Coliseum. This was an off-duty job. The company that managed the Roadrunners and Coliseum was owned/operated by Robert Sigholtz, who Hendershott characterized as a highly decorated Colonel in the Army during the

1 Vietnam War. In the timeframe when Hendershott had been hired to manage security
2 and other aspects of Coliseum operations, he had Frank Munnell and Rollie Seebert
3 handle the off-duty deputies who functioned as security officers, while Hendershott
4 managed the ushers, any internal investigations that the company needed, and player
5 issues. He was, essentially, an events coordinator, and was paid a flat rate to do the
6 job.

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8 According to Hendershott, he served in this position for one season and went to
9 numerous games. He coordinated not only hockey events, but all events that occurred
10 at the Coliseum that year.

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12 According to Hendershott, Robert Sigholtz's wife operates or participates in Child Help,
13 and the Sheriff regularly went to Child Help events. Hendershott did not know whether
14 it was Robert Sigholtz or Sigholtz's wife, whose name he could not recall, who
15 mentioned to Sheriff Arpaio that Whitney, their daughter, was looking for a position. He
16 recalls that she was hired in Community Services, and worked with or underneath Frank
17 Munnell. Hendershott did not deny that she may have been a programs manager, but
18 he did not know what kind of a job she did. He had never heard anything that there
19 were any issues with the performance of Whitney Sigholtz. Hendershott denied
20 knowing what she was paid, or hearing of any resentment on the part of other staff in
21 Community Services about how she was compensated. The following exchange took
22 place during the course of the investigative interview.

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24 Q: So did you give any instructions to anyone in HR or personnel in MCSO
25 about what they were supposed to do for Whitney? In other words did you say
26 find her a position or did you say we got to hire this gal?

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28 A: No, I did the same thing that I'd always done. The Sheriff would like us
29 to consider finding this person a position would you look at it, and see what we
30 have? Okay.

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32 Q: Alright, that's what you do for the persons whose names come to your
33 attention from Sheriff Arpaio...

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35 A: I've done that for a lot of other people that the Sheriff would you know
36 bring to my attention okay, so and other Chiefs would say hey I know a great guy,
37 you know he'd be a super Deputy and they would know him either through family
38 or through you know what I thought was funny is they would know a person
39 through some kind of an acquaintance and say hey this person is a good guy and
40 you know and put them through the process. There was one individual and I
41 mean this was during the Jadel Roe days but I still had the personnel function I
42 believe it was Jerry Hart's son, he's long since passed away, Jadel wanted to hire
43 him but he didn't pass the background check so that's, sometimes that happens.
44 (pp. 50-51, Exhibit III6d)

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